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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 on 24 January 1958

1. A meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 was held in the home of AECASSOWARY-15 on 24 January, following luncheon at the Yentching Palace Restaurant, on Connecticut and Porter Streets. Those in attendance at both the luncheon and meeting were AECASSOWARY-2 and 15, [] [] and the undersigned. The following items of business were discussed.

a. Project AECUPBOARD. An up-to-date accounting was requested by the undersigned and will be supplied by AECASSOWARY-2. It is planned to continue the program upon receipt of the Project approval.

b. AEREADY Spotting. AECASSOWARY-2 promised to make available the name and biographical information on an individual whom he personally knows and who he feels would be a good candidate.

c. Legal Travel. There was discussion regarding candidates for legal travel to the Peremysl area. AECASSOWARY-2 will supply biographical details on Professor Zahaykevych whom he recommended for consideration.

2. AECUPBOARD. The undersigned gave to AECASSOWARY-2 a copy of a chart she prepared for recording the necessary details for accounting under Project AECUPBOARD. The information requested in the chart covers the number of the parcel, addressee, addressor, date package was mailed, date acknowledged, list of contents, total cost and remarks. This chart was prepared and maintained by the undersigned for past operations under AECUPBOARD. AECASSOWARY-2 has been asked to supply unaccounted for details and details on future operations which it is planned to have continued upon receipt of the Project renewal.

3. Legal Travel

a. AECASSOWARY-2 was told by [] that an individual [] who was sent on a legal visit to Poland is due back and it is hoped that preliminary information for an AECASSOWARY-Agency mission will be supplied by him. There was no further discussion on this point. The reason [] was discussed at all with AECASSOWARY-2 was to prove to him that operations are conducted by the Agency independent of him.

b. AECASSOWARY-2 was asked by [] if he had anyone in mind for legal travel to the Peremysl area. AECASSOWARY-2 stated he is planning

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to visit a friend in Toronto, ~~F~~ Father Lypshky (phonetic), in this regard. Father Lypshky is from the Peremysl area where he still has a sister and friends residing. Father Lypshky's sister is married to a Ukrainian who is employed in the Polish ministry of foreign trade. Considered an expert in his field, the husband was sent by the Polish Government to Argentina to negotiate a trade agreement. He has asked Father Lypshky to meet with him in Argentina. AECASSOWARY-2 will obtain additional details. [] cautioned AECASSOWARY-2 regarding the hands-off policy concerning operations in Canada.

c. ~~F~~ Father Krayevsky of Newark, New Jersey recently visited his family in Peremysl. On his return to the States he is supposed to have stated that he also visited in Lviv. Immediately upon his return to the United States, ~~B~~ Bishop Hermaniuk of Canada invited him to Toronto for discussions concerning his visit. The story is that he borrowed the legal documents of a friend in Peremysl for his travel to Lviv. Some of the statements he has made regarding things he saw while in Lviv have been substantiated via correspondence from that area as true facts. AECASSOWARY-2 has written to Father Lypshky in Canada to verify the foregoing. Father Lypshky replied that he was told by Father Krayevsky that his story is true. Father Krayevsky reportedly supplied to ~~B~~ Bishop Ivan Buchko (Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Rome) a list of approximately 250 names and addresses of clergy and other individuals in the Peremysl area. Bishop Buchko reportedly has requested aid for these people from the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese in Philadelphia. The Soyuz Ukrainok (a Ukrainian women's organization in the U.S.A.) reportedly is sending packages to these people.

d. There are about 50 Ukrainian Catholic priests in Poland, the Reverend Hrynyk (phonetic) being the highest in rank. Father Hrynyk is the priest who wrote to the Polish Government requesting recognition of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Poland. He also has had contact with Rome in this regard. AECASSOWARY-2 is reluctant to accept the information that Father Krayevsky personally was in Lviv and feels that Father Hrynyk may be the person who gave Father Krayevsky the information.

e. Professor Zahaykevych, former professor in a Peremysl gymnasium, is in contact with the AECASSOWARY organization and turns over to them all letters which he receives from the Peremysl area. AECASSOWARY-2 feels he would be a good candidate for a legal travel mission because he could gather a maximum amount of information. Professor Zahaykevych lives in New York. He is about 60 years of age.

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4. There is word via correspondence received by the AECASSOWARY organization that the Communist Government is permitting Ukrainian Catholic services to be conducted, providing such services are requested by the people.

5. AECASSOWARY-2 was requested to return the stubs from his airline tickets for the travel to Washington and for a previous trip to Washington. He promised to mail the stubs, along with an accounting of his expenses, as soon as he returns to New York.

6. The meeting was terminated about 1600 hours. [] stayed on to continue discussions with AECASSOWARY-2. There was no time specified for the next meeting.

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